

BEEF TRUST DUMMY MILLIONAIRE EHLE EATS XMAS DINNER HOME INSTEAD OF JOLIET

Louis C. Ehle, Swift & Co. dummy, eats Christmas dinner in his home at 1460 E. 49th st., tomorrow with his wife and the little ones.

His cousin, Henry Veeder, attorney for Swift & Co., who lives a few blocks away at 4900 Greenwood av., won't come over to Ehle's house and join in as he used to some years back.

Veeder was the leading witness against Ehle in a trial for embezzlement and Ehle got one fierce Xmas present yesterday in the shape of a sentence to Joliet of one to ten years.

For the first time in his life he sat looking out between jail cell bars.

It wasn't easy nor pleasant for a man who used to be president of the Kenwood Country club, who was placed by the Armour-Swift-Morris crowd in charge of \$2,500,000 worth of cotton oil mills in the south, and was rated by R. G. Dun & Co. as a millionaire who paid cash and was honest as daylight.

His attorney made connections with the supreme court and got a writ of supersedeas.

These are the skeleton news facts about Ehle. Along with them it should be stated he is close to Carleton Hudson, indicted in New York 20 years ago on forgery and lately accused of having sinister influence over former Judge Waterman.

There are two sides to the story of Ehle. One side has been plentifully printed in the newspapers. He embezzled \$825 from Sarah Burns of 2209 Indiana av. That was the charge against him. Chief witnesses were Mrs. Burns herself, a stockholder in Swift & Co., and Henry Veeder, a Swift & Co. lawyer. Belief is general among oldtime associates of Ehle that he is guilty. But—

His friends says he was trained for contempt of the law by the job at

which he worked. They point to Armour & Co., fined \$40,000 last week in Texas courts for monopoly tactics in violation of Texas anti-trust law. The evidence was that Armour & Co. operated a string of cotton oil mills down there, kept the ownership of those mills secret and ran them through dummies.

Ehle was the chief dummy operating the 75 mills in Texas and Arkansas for Armour & Co., Swift & Co. and Morris & Co. The concern was called the Louis C. Ehle Oil Mills and Ehle had an office in the New York Life bldg., in Chicago. A list of the oil mills, an R. G. Dun confidential report giving O. K. to Ehle as a millionaire, and facts on how Ehle executed deeds of trust by which the Armour-Swift-Morris companies were the secret owners of mills, are told in a bill filed in superior court by Carleton Hudson, demanding payment of notes Judge Waterman gave Ehle.

The news facts suppressed or played down in the story are that the powerful stockyards companies used Ehle as a dummy for work in violation of law.

DECORATE GERMAN TRENCHES FOR CHRISTMAS

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Millions of tiny Christmas trees with lighted candles will cast a ribbon of light along the tops of the German trenches from France to Poland and into Serbia tonight.

Last of the Christmas trees went forward to the trenches today. They are tiny branches, fixed to the top of Christmas packages, each carrying its tiny candle. With each package went the suggestion from the Berlin shopkeepers that the candles be lighted on Christmas eve after the contents had been removed. They were made small enough to be carried through the post.